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SUBJECT: UNSSOD: FRG REPORT OF CONSULTATIONS WITH YUGOSLA-
VIA ON SSOD

1. COUNSELOR FROM FRG EMBASSY (VON PFETTEN) CAME BY ACDA/MA
TO REPORT ON FRG CONSULTATIONS IN BELGRADE ON UN SPECIAL
SESSION DEVOTED TO DISARMAMENT (SSOD). ALTHOUGH THE CON-
SULTATIONS OCCURRED ON MAY 17, HE THOUGHT THE INFORMATION
MIGHT STILL BE OF INTEREST. FRG SIDE WAS LED BY FOREIGN
MINISTRY ARMS CONTROL COMMISSIONER (RUTH) AND YUGOSLAV
SIDE WAS LED BY UNDER SECRETARY (LONCAR).

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2. SSOD DECISION MAKING. FRG SIDE EMPHASIZED THE NECESS-
ITY OF CONSENSUS IN ADOPTING THE SSOD FINAL DOCUMENT.
YUGOSLAV SIDE INDICATED THEIR INTENTION TO WORK FOR CONSEN-
SUS, BUT SAID OPTION FOR VOTING SHOULD BE KEPT OPEN IF IT
APPEARS THAT CONSENSUS WILL NOT PERMIT GOING BEYOND THE
STATUS QUO.

3. NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT. YUGOSLAV SIDE STATED THAT THEY SAW NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT AS THE FIRST PRIORITY AND SAID THAT PRESSURE SHOULD BE PUT ON THE SUPER-POWERS TO FULLFILL THEIR NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE NPT. FRG SIDE RESPONDED THAT THE PROCESS OF NUCLEAR ARMS LIMITATIONS

HAS JUST STARTED AND THAT IT MUST BE CARRIED OUT CAREFULLY ON A STEP-BY-STEP BASIS IN ORDER NOT TO ENDANGER WORLD SECURITY IN GENERAL AND EUROPEAN SECURITY IN PARTICULAR. FRG SIDESTRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF NUCLEAR DETERRANCE WITH RESPECT TO THE CURRENT SECURITY SITUATION IN EUROPE.

4. DISARMAMENT MACHINERY. WITH RESPECT TO THE CCD, THE YUGOSLAV SIDE STRESSED THE NECESSITY OF ENDING THE CO-CHAIRMANSHIP, PERHAPS REPLACING IT WITH A ROTATING CHAIRMANSHIP WHICH WOULD CHANGE EACH MONTH. THEY ALSO FAVORED OPENING CCD MEETINGS TO THE PUBLIC, PROVIDING FOR GREATER PARTICIPATION BY NON-MEMBER, AND ESTABLISHING A CLOSER LINK TO THE UN. YUGOSLAVS ALSO INDICATED SUPPORT FOR UN DISARMAMENT COMMISSION WHICH MIGHT MONITOR IMPLEMENTATION OF UN RESOLUTIONS ON DISARMAMENT AND FOLLOW UP THE SSOD. FRG SIDE EXPRESSED A POSITIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD THE CCD AND INDICATED FLEXIBILITY WITH RESPECT TO REFORM AS LONG AS CONSENSUS AND EFFECTIVENESS ARE MAINTAINED. FRG INDICATED DOUBTS ABOUT LINKING CCD TO UN BEYOND THE CURRENT FIRST COMMITTEE RELATIONSHIP. THEY SAW PROBLEMS IF YUGOSLAVIA

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HAS IN MIND GIVING THE UN DISARMAMENT COMMISSION EVEN A LIMITED NEGOTIATING MANDATE.

5. NEGATIVE NUCLEAR ASSURANCES. YUGOSLAV SIDE ATTACHED GREAT IMPORTANCE TO HAVING THE NUCLEAR WEAPON STATES PROVIDE GUARANTEES OF NON-USE OF NUCLEAR ARMS AGAINST NON-NUCLEAR WEAPONS STATES. FRG STRESSED THAT IN EUROPE A CREDIBLE NUCLEAR DETERRENT IS REQUIRED AND THAT A RENUNCIATION ON USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS UNQUALIFIED BY PROVISION FOR SELF DEFENSE WOULD BE DESTABILIZING. FRG BELIEVES THAT THE CREDIBILITY OF THE TOTAL DETERRENT MUST BE MAINTAINED AND THAT CONVENTIONAL CONFLICT IN EUROPE WOULD ALSO HAVE TO BE PREVENTED. FRG STATED THAT THE FOREGOING SHOULD BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION IN THE FORMULATION OF ANY NEGATIVE ASSURANCES. FRG SAW THE NECESSITY FOR TAKING CARE OF THE SECURITY INTERESTS OF NON-NUCLEAR WEAPON STATES WHICH ARE ALSO NOT ALIGNED WITH ANY NUCLEAR WEAPON STATE. FRG STATED NEGATIVE ASSURANCES WOULD TAKE SUCH SECURITY INTERESTS INTO CONSIDERATION. YUGOSLAV SIDE STATED THAT ANY USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS AGAINST ANY NON-ALIGNED, NON NUCLEAR WEAPON STATE SHOULD BE EXCLUDED. YUGOSLAV SIDE

STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE THEY ATTACH TO NEGATIVE ASSURANCES FOR STATES THAT HAVE RENOUNCED NUCLEAR WEAPONS. THEY REGARD NEGATIVE ASSURANCES AS THE ONLY MEANS OF NEUTRALIZING THE MORE RADICAL PROPOSALS IN THE NUCLEAR AREA.

6. NON-PROLIFERATION. YUGOSLAV SIDE WAS CRITICAL OF SUPER-POWERS FOR FAILURE TO FULFILL NPT OBLIGATIONS TO MAKE ALL PEACEFUL TECHNOLOGY AVAILABLE TO PARTIES AND EXPRESSED OPPOSITION TO "SECRET CARTEL" (LONDON SUPPLIERS GROUP).

7. FRG COMMENT. VON PFETTEN SAID THAT THE CONSULTATIONS IN BELGRADE HAD CONFIRMED THE VIEW OF THE FRG THAT INTENSIVE CONSULTATIONS IN THE ALLIANCE WOULD BE REQUIRED IN CONFIDENTIAL

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VIEW OF THE DIFFICULTIES WHICH LIE AHEAD WITH RESPECT TO THE NUCLEAR ISSUES AT THE SSOD.

8. ACDA/MA OFFICER EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE REPORT AND SUGGESTED THAT US AND FRG REMAIN IN CLOSE CONTACT ON SSOD ISSUES BOTH IN NEW YORK AND IN WASHINGTON. VANCE

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